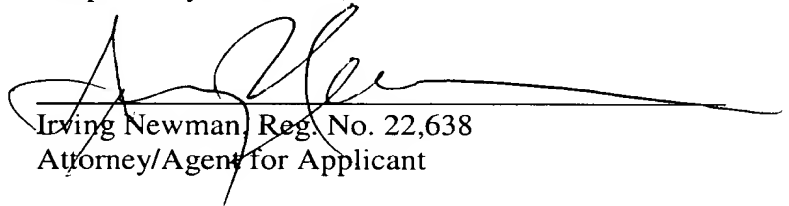


Turning to the discussion of the Information Disclosure Statement on page 2 of the Action, Applicants are submitting herewith copies of references C8 and C16-18, as well as the full text of the English translation of Reference B2, in compliance with the Examiner's requirement.

Reference C6 has been reordered. A copy thereof will be supplied shortly with a supplement hereto.

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration and prompt Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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